

Adler's office ready to help troops and their families file paperwork

WASHINGTON - Today, Congressman John Adler, whose district includes Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, announced that special payments are available to more than 185,000 service members who have had their enlistments involuntarily extended since September 11, 2001, providing \$500 for every month they were held under stop-loss orders. Any service member or veteran needing assistance in filing their claim can contact Congressman Adler's office in Marlton at 856-985-2777 or in Toms River at 732-608-7235.

"I'm honored to help our veterans and service members receive the benefits they are owed," said Congressman Adler, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. "Stop-loss policies have affected thousands of South Jersey and Shore area families. This \$500-per-month payment recognizes the sacrifices they have made to keep our great country safe and free."

The Retroactive Stop-Loss Special Pay is available to service members who had their enlistment extended or retirement suspended due to stop-loss between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009. Eligible service members from every branch of the military will receive compensation.

Service members must provide documented proof they were stop-lossed with their claim. Family members of deceased service members can also file a claim. All applications must be submitted to the respective services no later than October 21, 2010.

To expedite the reimbursement process, the military services have established on-line forms, which can be found on Congressman Adler's website at www.adler.house.gov, or at the following websites:

- Army: <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>
- Navy: http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=49196
- Marine Corps: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss>
- Air Force: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss>